

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Examiner's permission is respectfully requested to amend Fig. 2 by interchanging the reference numerals "32" and "44" as indicated by the red ink in the marked up drawing sheet.

Examiner's permission is further respectfully requested to amend Fig. 6 by interchanging the reference numerals "48" and "18" as indicated by the red ink in the marked up drawing sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace paragraph [0017] with:

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B, [0017] FIGS. 1-7 show the cantilever liftgate system 10 of the invention. The system comprises a framework 12 having side plates 14, a trunnion tube 16 extending between side plates 14 and an extension plate 18, also extending between side plates 14. The structural members of liftgate 10 are preferably formed from steel, but other metals or composite materials can be suitable depending upon the intended application. The liftgate also comprises a lift frame 20 with a lift frame tube 22 extending between an opposing pair of parallelogram linkages 24 each having upper arms 26 and lower arms 28 with and proximal pivot members 30 and distal pivot members 32. Proximal pivot members 30 are attached to trunnion tube 16 thus securing lift frame 20 to framework 12.